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AIR AID in the form of a RUMMAGE SALE will take place Saturday, May 8th at the Jones' (3580 Viola Drive, Aromas) all day. Please bring your items to the house soon, so pricing can begin. If you have large items, please call so we can arrange commissions. Also call if you need articles picked up. Anyone who wishes to work on this sale either pricing or selling, do call 724-0588 early this week. Your efforts in this fun-raiser will be greatly appreciated!!!

EDITORIAL: Aromas citizens are confronted with several problems which add up to one dilemma: disunion. On every front our energies are divided. We get the tail end of consideration from three counties and one school district. Did you ever consider creating an Aromas County? We now have a Tri-County Fire District and Water District. Plans are in the making for a possible Recreation District. We've been drawing up our own districts -- why not draw a little larger circle and get a tax base going? Perhaps our own sheriff, some revenue sharing for environmental projects, light industry, taking further advantage of our railroad facilities, etc. This means local control. And unity. This would assure us tax monies and our talents and energy would be well spent --- right here!!

AROMAS SERVICE CLUB meets Monday, May 3, 7:30 PM at the Fire Station. Discussion will center around our filing to be a non-profit organization. Possibilities such as : Special recreational district, creating an Aromas County, service industries, railroad usage, and use of Fire Station property will be brought up. All Aromas citizens are invited to attend. We must decide upon our next project. What do you feel is most important? See you Monday. Membership dues are $3.66 this year.

TOWN MEETING of April 26th took in two major areas: P.V.U.S.D. Tax Increase and Comments from the Candidates. The tax increase was addressed by Bob Bowman, Watsonville High School principal and Curtis Cheaney (Aromas citizen), Business Manager of P.V.U.S.D. The tax increase is proposed to bring the amount of money spent on each student in our school district up to the level of surrounding school districts. That is from $1,021 per student to $1,190. This to combat inflation and growth. Several programs will have to be cut back if this tax increase fails. Mrs. M.J. Morton expressed the fear that this money will be spent on administrative expenses rather than on our students. Her advise was to use wisely what monies the district already has.
CANDIDATES: Castroville/Pajaro Judicial District Judge: 1)Terry Duncan-expressed the need to keep justice courts (local) rather than relying on regional courts; 2) Fred Novinger (incumbent) said to assure keeping justice court available, a court house facility should be built; and 3) Frank James spoke of a program which might allow the drunk driving offender an alternative to loss of employment due to lack of transportation. Mr. James was also concerned about the possible dissolution of the justice judgeship. He made clear that a municipal judge (larger region) is appointed by one man while justice judges are appointed by 5 men (Monterey County Supervisors).

P.V.U.S.D. SCHOOL BOARD AT AROMAS SCHOOL --- Wednesday, April 28th ---
The prospect of limited growth of the school population in Aromas was the single optimistic note in a report given to the P.V.U.S.D. Board of Trustees by Santa Cruz County Planning Director Robert Ellenwood. The meeting was held last Wednesday at Aromas School. The object of the evening was an evaluation for future school population trends.

It was pointed out to the Trustees that the three new housing developments presently getting underway in the Aromas area are providing primarily one and two bedroom homes: therefore, they will not attract the larger growing families necessary to make a substantial change in the number of children attending Aromas School. However, as one Trustee was quick to remind the Board, in North Monterey County, it is allowable to install mobile homes on the property of existing homes, thereby creating an "invisible" source of additional school-age children.

It is estimated that one additional school room will be required at Aromas School this coming year, with only one further room needed over the following five years.

---------- by Francine Carroll

THE AROMAS NATURAL FOOD COLLECTIVE will meet on Wednesday, May 12 at 7 PM at the Smith's yellow house next to Marshall's store. New orders for food will be taken and there will be a guest speaker who will discuss the "why" of vegetarianism. If you cannot attend, phone 728-4691 for information.

The April food purchase went well. Fifteen families participated. We purchased cheese, whole wheat flour, soy flour, raw shelled sunflower seeds, raisins, brown rice, peanut butter, and cold pressed oil at discount prices. Members participated in obtaining and distributing the food. Special thanks to Nancy Junkins for allowing us to distribute the food from her home. The following is a recipe using most of the ingredients we purchased from the collective in April:

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SUNFLOWER SOY SQUARES:

Cream together: 3/4 c. honey
1/2 c. oil + 1 tsp. lecithin
1/2 tsp. vanilla

Add and Mix:
1 c. sunflower seeds, raw & shelled
1 c. raw quick oats
1 c. soy flour
3/4 c. whole wheat pastry flour
1 tsp. lemon juice

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* Mix. Spread in greased pan. Bake at 350 deg. *
* till golden brown. Cut into squares after cool *
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---------- YUM! -------

..... from Susan Smith .....

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES: MAY 3 - MAY 14

--WEEK-DAYS 10 to 11:15 AM Aromas Child Care Center open to parents who wish to volunteer time in the classrooms.
--MONDAYS 10 A.M. Aromas Women's Consciousness Raising, Sherry Shubin 722-9613, baby-sitting available.
--TUESDAYS 1-3 P.M. Sr. Citizens Fitness & Body Awareness, 127 E. Beach, Watsonville
7-10 P.M. Transactional Analysis at Mar Vista School
--THURSDAYS 10:30 A.M. Preschool Story hour at Aromas Branch Library
12 noon. Alternative potluck lunch at 3580 Viola Drive ... 724-0588
3 P.M. Spanish at Jones' or King's by Barbara Morales, Adult Education
3-4 P.M. Guitar lessons by Melinda Carpenter at Aromas School
--WEDNESDAYS 3:10 to 4;00 P.M. Macrame classes by Earlene Martinez at Aromas School
Ceramics - Ladies' Night with Merle Ketner, 3575 Viola Dr., 722-3037

MONDAY, May 3-2 PM P.T.A. Meeting
7:30 P.M. SERVICE CLUB at Fire Station
TUES., May 11, 7:30 PM Fire Commissioners
Wed., May 12, 10 AM Library Auxiliary
7 PM Food Coop at Smith's
WED., May 5 2-4 PM School Advisory
7:30 PM Fire District Budget
THURS, May 13, 7:30 PM Volunteer Fire Drill
FRI., May 14, 8 PM Grange Business Mtg.
THURS., May 6-7:30 PM District Advisory
SUNDAY, May 9th - MOTHER'S DAY !!!
SAT. May 8- RUMMAGE SALE AT THE JONES'

DEAR AROMAS --- cont'd

"San Francisco. But originally I came from Chicago. While I was training to be a nurse I developed Tuberculosis six months before graduating so that put a stop to my schooling. Then I came to San Francisco. The change cured my Tuberculosis. I understood if I went back I would die. I stayed here and nursed the sick, especially the rich. Then I became interested in Real Estate. I practiced in Brisbane, San Francisco for twelve years. Due to illness I had to quit. So I settled here because I liked its quietness and pure air, and fresh vegetables from the garden." She smiled at me.

"Thank you, Mrs. Harper, for your co-operation. " I knew I had made a friend.

----------by Esther C. Young, P.O. Box 544, Aromas 95004

FIRE DISTRICT NEWS: by Dale Andrews

A special meeting was held on Tuesday, April 27, to work on the "proposed" budget for the fiscal year 1976-77.

After the meeting convened, the new chief, Mike de Wey, read a message to the Board as to the responsibilities and directions of a fire department.

The Board members had a severe discussion amongst themselves over figures that did not corrolate to this year's proposed budget. At this point, Chairman Del Arm- nearly adjourned the meeting for another week so that Mrs. Morton could get a budget of her own put together. Mrs. Pat Jinks stood up and asked if the Chief could be allowed to restate his message for the late people and begin the meeting over with that, instead of putting it off another week.

Chief de Wey gave an outline of his proposed budget, which came to a tatal of $115,000.00 approximately. This includes a $6,000.00 contingency fund, $9,000.00 fixed assets, and a $100.00 per month raise for the firemen (which brings them up to $800.00 a month). Also a commissioners salary totaling $1,400.00.

It was brought to attention that the district lost $21,000.00 in revenue last year because, when the opportunity arose for the maximum tax rate to be used, the Board of Commissioners took no action, thus leaving the district short of funds.

The next meeting on the proposed budget will be held on Wednesday, May 5, at 7:30 P.M. at the Fire Station. All interested people please attend and see how your tax money will be spent!

FIRST AID CLASS available to those who wish to sign up. Advanced first-aid with cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. As soon as enough folks sign up, the 10-week course will begin. If you are interested, stop by the Fire Station and have your name put on the list.

LIBRARY AUXILIARY - to meet Wednesday, May 12 at 10 A.M.....at the library ..... The library will be housing several activities which will last throughout the summer. Puppet shows will be every six weeks - the first one will be ALI BABA AND THE FORTY THIEVES. Each show will last about 45 minutes and is especially directed for first through fourth grade students. Library auxiliary members will make flannel graphs and help present the designated format for the preschool story hour. Aromas resident, Carol Hughes, leads the story hour here three weeks out of four. There will be s summer reading program with a bi-centennial theme: READ ON WITH PAUL REVERE. Each child receives a large piece of paper with 20 squares. There is a game wheel with a spinning arrow and a list of activities to accomplish. This program begins June 7. A crafts program will also be started. FUND RAISER: Book Sale and Art Show on June 5 (Saturday) at the library. Book donations are to be given Hazel Martin at the library during regular hours. 10 to 6 Monday and Thursday and 12:30 to 4:30 Wednesdays. Paintings will be sold and the library will take a percentage of the price. Money will be used for supplies and window shades. If you have paintings to sell, please contact Pam Pugsley ... 722-7496 to make arrangements.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION. There is a movement abroad to create a classroom at Aromas School which is multi-graded (possibly K-6) ; where emphasis will be on unique experiences rather than formalized learning. Our schools need both approaches, as some children do well in a structured situation and others thrive on making more choices and being self-directed. This classroom will require a great deal of community input and involvement, so please come to our meetings every Thursday at noon at the Jones! Bring a friend and something for our potluck lunches!!!

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, May 5 from 2 to 4 P.M. David Ramirez from Sacramento will be present to help us adjust our Early Childhood project to acceptable research material for state records as well as to help us get a clearer picture of exactly what it is we need to make our K-3 education program one of superior quality. Early Childhood Education monies come to us as a result of writing a project (program development) covering these areas: 1) Reading, 2) Math, 3) Language Development, 4) Staff Development, 5) Multi-culture, 6) Parent Education, 7) Parent Involvement, and 8) Health Auxiliaries. It is the job of parents to make a needs assessment and help determine the communities' real educational criteria. Please come meet with us and begin to learn how to define education and make it work.

VOTER REGISTRATION: All people who are not registered to vote are encouraged to register by May 8th. Monterey County residents register at the Aromas Library (722-6044) and San Benito County residents register at the Fire Station. June 8th is election day!!!

IF YOU COULD HAVE SCHOOL BE ANY WAY YOU WANTED, HOW WOULD IT BE? This question was asked by Mrs. Nancy Finnin to her students at Aromas School comprised of 2nd and 3rd graders Robin Alderin requested more English and Science and more working at her own speed. She could write more stories, too. Robin's P.S. said "We have a very very very nice teacher." Sylvia stated "I like it like it is now." Dianna said she would like to learn about Hawaii and birds. Kirsten: "I wouldn't play all day because it wouldn't be fun." Curt Herrlich: "I would let kids wear hats in the classroom" ... Curt felt children should be sent to the office for yelling and that students should be able to go to lunch all by themselves. He was also up for writing stories every day and talking as loud as you want in the cafeteria. Maria Elena said "I wish that I and Kristen and Pam wouldn't fight and I like to do handwriting and go to the library." David Morales: No work - only Math - and play and eat lunch and then go home and then the next day no school and the next day there is school." Scootre (this name was hard to decipher): "I would play all day. It would be fun instead of doing hard work." Patti Jo drew a lovely picture of the water fountain and seemed to wish school was a place where you didn't "have" to do anything, but could color or get a drink whenever you want and study what you want. Julie would let everybody play all day, let everyone out of school at 1 o clock, have parties and games - "We would have a ball". Pamela wished she didn't have to do her work when she didn't want to and "I wish I could sit by Maria Elena". Nick C.: "... have plays and watch movies and do art and go to the library every day ..." Maria: "I want to be a teacher. School would be just like a nursery. I would play, have fun, and be happy. I am happy now." Debbie: "I want it to be almost the same. Math, Reading, English, Science, and other things." Many students remarked about their "fun" dittos and seemed to enjoy the balance of activities they were offered. Others seemed bummed out, but maybe it was just a bad day.....The most striking thing about this survey was, as this author sees it, the students were relating more to their teacher than to the question. The upper graders will be asked this same question to see what, if any, changes occur in attitudes from 3rd grade on ...

SCIENCE REPORT: REPTILES ..... by Bobby Bolton

Through the age of reptiles, which flourished for some 120 million years, came to an end about 70 million years ago. Many interesting reptiles are still found today. Some native reptiles occur in every state, though they are more common and more species occur in the warmer parts of this country. Reptiles are classified into 4 major groups: Turtles - 45 species; Lizzards - 90 species; Snakes - 110 species; and Alligators and Crocodiles - 2 species. Reptiles are not always easy to find. Some are small, many are nocturnal, and most are protectively colored. Reptiles are cold-blooded. A reptile's body temperature is the same as the temperature of its surroundings, except as evaporation lowers it or insulation raises it. Only by behavior is a reptile's temperature controlled. Only on hot sand or rock does a reptile get much warmer than the air. Desert reptiles avoid direct mid-day sun. Some become dormant (restive) in midsummer. In cooler regions reptiles hibernate. Though a few of snakes and lizzards are poisonous, the great majority of them are harmless.

CANDIDATES --- cont'd

MONTEREY COUNTY SUPERVISOR: 1) Roger Burton - motivated leadership! Roger has researched our police protection plight. Says we can't form a special police district as they were cut out 10 years ago in Monterey County. We can't incorporate because we are not inclusive of one county. We can't have reserve policemen in a rural area because of professional standards and lack of qualified supervision. This man is motivated; 2) Sam Samples says he will represent us not supervise us and that he wants to make certain that zoning is not shoved down peoples' throats; 3) Judge Ken Blohm felt we could somehow, with enough support, find a way to meet Aromas needs; 4) Charmaine Cruchett is the only female candidate for supervisor and is also the only one with any county experience. She has served on the Planning and Transportation Committees for some time now and has previously volunteered her services at the county level. Chairmaine feels the Supervisors should be resources for the peopl of the district who should listen to needs and implement desires of constituents; 5) Paul Davis, a Marina City Councilman, was unable to attend, but sent a campaigner; Gordon Flaas; 6) John Vondracek mentioned cutting spending by eliminating unproductive programs and the size of government. He also stressed the need to make meetings open to the public and being careful not to intimidate those with ideas; 7)... Jack Simon is a second-time runner for this position, having entered the race four years ago also. He is persistent and works hard for the county. He feels there shouldn't be a tax for upgrading property; there is a need for compatible light industry; and that parks should be close to the children. SAN BENITO COUNTY SUPERVISOR. 1)Enos Silva said to take a good look at "what is"! He believes in regulated growth and perhaps some light industry; 2) Don Isaacson listed his many activities and in his Spencer Tracy-like manner bemoaned the difficulties of working in a system with over-much control. He hopes for candid decisions arrived at openly. He will strive to remain rural, keep local control, balanced growth, local industry and correct errors in land use. Every one of the candidates was present with the exception of Paul Davis. Aromas citizens, however, made a very poor showing. The candidates were surprised so little concern was given the issues they were there to hear. I hope this article reaches some of you who might not again have an opportunity to meet your potential representatives. ----------

DEAR AROMAS,,

Our next door neighbor, Los Lomas, made the news last Tuesday, April 27, at the Watsonville Senior Citizen's club when her daughter, Mrs. Pearl Harper, was elected a member of the Board of Directors.

Last Wednesday, April 28, I went to the club and heard she had been elected. I was so thrilled I barely finished my lunch before rushing to her side.

She was standing up as I approached her.

"Please, Mrs. Harper, could I have an interview with you when it is convenient. I am a reporter from the "Aromas Air".

"Right now would be fine after I get us some coffee."

Soon she was back.

"There's no more coffee but we can talk anyway. This table is fine." She said in a friendly fashion.

We sat down and I took out my notebook and pencil.

"I understood you were from Aromas but you said you lived in Los Lomas."

"I do live in Los Lomas but we are so close to Aromas it's like being neighbors. I've lived there twenty-five years but not in the same place. I first lived on Johnson Road in a tent for two weeks. Then I bought a trailer. I had nine and one-quarter acres of land and paid $1,000. for it. I hauled water in two gallon pickle jars for drinking, and water in a clean garbage can for miscellaneous uses. I lived there a year before moving to my present home on 145 Los Lomas Drive. You won't believe it but I only paid $1,100. for this house and two and one-quarter acres. It was a Deed of Trust deal."

"What is a Deed of Trust?"

"The person couldn't pay for it. Only the bathroom had to be fixed. Evidently this house caught on fire at one time and the bathroom was burnt out."

"You certainly had a good deal. But before you came here where was your home?"

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WOMEN'S CRISIS LINE - 24 hours - Help in rape crisis - Emotional Support - Information and referrals. Salinas: 757-1001. Monterey: 375-HELP.

WANTED: Used Washing Machine. Call Francine Carroll evenings and week-ends, at 728-2749.

NORENE RHOADES, age 10, would like yard work or house work. Should you have a need for a little extra help, call Norene at 722-5272. She lives at 40 Marcus.

THE LUNDBERG'S would like to sell a square wooden table with 3 leaves and 2-4 chairs. Table $10 and Chairs $15-$20. Willing to dicker.

DALE ANDREWS does drafting and general repair. Handyman. Call 722-9520 or see at 18825 Rea Road.

THE JONES' need a used Rotary Lawnmower with 22"-24" blade. Call 724-0588.

MOTHERHOOD:
PORTRAIT OF A MOTHER

Mothers need no monuments of stone. They live forever in human hearts.
A mother whose hand in the dark of night gave courage against all fears;
A mother bandaging the stubbed toe of her barefoot child
A mother whose voice and presence brought sunshine to the bedside of the child who was ill; A mother asleep in her rocking chair waiting for her children to come home; A mother with radiant face and proud smile on graduation day;
A mother with streaks of silver in her hair facing the future with simple faith and unafraid ... by Wilferd A. Peterson .....

They say that man is mighty, He governs land and sea, He wields a mighty scepter O'er lesser powers that be; But a mightier power and stronger Man from his throne has hurled, For the hand that rocks the cradle Is the hand that rules the world.
..... by Wm. Ross Wallace

OLD GREEK HYMN: ETERNAL MIND, by seedling spark, Through this thin vase of clay, Athwart the waves of chaos dark, Emits a timorous ray. This mind-enfolding soul is sown, Incarnate germ in earth; In pity, blessed Lord, then own What claim in thee its birth. Far forth from thee, thou central fire, To earth's sad bondage cast, Let not the trembling spark expire, Absorb thy own at last!

SPRINGTIME ..... by Louis M. Savary
The heart in springtime is in search of truth and innocence. It faces a newborn universe, alive and in the flesh. The hum of activity everywhere tells of men and nature at work. In springtime the heart is moved by the spirit of wisdom.

In springtime the heart is busy with logic and reasoning, intuition and insight; with the processes of trial and error, research and discovery, sorting out opinion and fact. Spring is a time for the mind to expand, grow and burst its limits. The spirit hungers for information, knowledge and ideas. It wants to be educated - to be lead out of itself into new worlds of meaning and awareness. Spring is a time for listening as well as for speaking.

Springtime can also be insecure and sometimes cruel. A sudden cold wind can blow the heart back into winter. The heart in springtime can also be smothered and starved if it is deprived of discussion and dissent. Spring, a time for wild ideas and imagination, can become flooded over with rivers of words.

The heart in springtime likes to get things in order, to design systems, plan goals and create ideals. The grass is newly green, the lawnmower needs to be oiled. It is a time for mending what has been torn apart. It is a time to test the resiliency of free minds... The heart in springtime knows that there is no limit to its power, no boudaries to the workings of the Spirit. It is a time for prophets and poets, a time when the sacred begins to open its mysteries and to reveal its secrets.....In springtime the heart learns to think.